

January 18, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 29, 2002, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Members of the MAG TRC may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. <u>Approval of December 11, 2001 Minutes</u> | 2. Approve minutes of December 11, 2001 Meeting. |
| 3. <u>Approval of January 10, 2002 Minutes</u> | 3. Approve minutes of January 10, 2002 Meeting. |
| 4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> | 4. For information and discussion. |
| An opportunity will be provided to | |

members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

5. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG freeway program management will address issues related to the freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the MAG Annual Report on the regional freeway system will be discussed.

6. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Overview of ADOT Preparation of a Long Range Transportation Plan for Arizona

The Arizona Department of Transportation has started the development of a long range transportation plan for Arizona. A representative from ADOT will provide a brief overview of the purpose, scope, and schedule of the project.

7. For Information and discussion.

8. Initial and Interim Closeouts of the FY 2002 MAG Federally Funded Program.

The FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations Bill has now been approved and the FHWA and ADOT are currently reviewing the figures prior to releasing details of the funds that will be available to the MAG region. This will enable MAG staff to calculate the Initial

8. For information and discussion.

FY Closeout balance. The balance is usually positive, but given recent declines in federal appropriations, it is possible that there may be a deficit.

Under current programming guidelines, MAG member agencies should notify MAG staff, by March 1, 2002, of any current year projects targeted for MAG federal funds that they wish to carry forward from FY 2002 to FY 2003. Projects may only be carried forward for one year, so any projects that were carried forward from FY 2001 to FY 2002 are not eligible for carry forward again. When the initial closeout balance is known and the carry forward projects are totaled, the Interim Closeout balance will be notified to MAG member agencies with a request for projects to utilize the funding expected to be available.

9. Amendment and/or Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On July 25, 2001, the Regional Council approved the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since that time, during the approval process for the State TIP, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has requested that the funding shown for the Light Rail Project should be specified in more detail in the TIP document. As a result, an Amendment and/or an Administrative Adjustment needs to be made to the TIP for the Fixed Guideway (Light Rail) project. An Adjustment is needed to advance final design of this project from FY 2003 to 2002 and adjust the funding and costs to reflect the actual amount of Section 5309 – Discretionary funding appropriated for 2002.

An Amendment or an Adjustment is also needed in FYs 2003-2006 to reflect the projects' most recent financial plan and to

9. For information, discussion and possible action to approve an amendment or administrative adjustment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

reduce Section 5309 federal funding to \$80 million per year (maximum) in FY2003-2006 for fiscal constraint as directed by the FTA. To maintain the project schedule, local funds need to be increased in 2003-2006 to offset the reduction of federal funds resulting from the annual limitation set by FTA. The total amount of Section 5309 funds expected, but in excess of the annual limitation will be reprogrammed as repayment of local funds in FYs 2007-2011, as permitted by FTA. The required consultation process for conformity purposes will be conducted prior to further consideration of this proposed amendment by the Management Committee and Regional Council, as needed. Additional details regarding specific projects will be provided prior to the scheduled meeting.

10. Status Report on Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan and Related Studies

MAG staff will provide a brief overview of the status of the Regional Transportation Plan Phase I and the related consulting studies that are currently in progress.

11. Discussion of FY 2003 Transportation Work Program Elements

Each year, MAG prepares a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that presents the major work items and budget for each fiscal year. This year, MAG staff is briefing the MAG committees on anticipated tasks for next fiscal year and soliciting input on projects or tasks that should be included in the UPWP for FY 2003.

12. Results of the RPTA / MAG Tax Extension Focus Groups and Telephone

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

12. For information and discussion.

Survey

RPTA and MAG commissioned WestGroup Research of Phoenix to conduct five focus groups and a telephone survey of registered voters in Maricopa County. The focus groups and survey was conducted to gain an understanding of the relative importance of transportation issues in the region, ascertain the level of support for extending the regional transportation sales tax, and gain insight into perspectives on funding priorities. Attachment One contains the results of the focus groups and telephone survey.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next TRC Meeting will be scheduled for February 26, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG office, Saguaro Room.

13. For information and discussion.